

NSC BRIEFING

15 July 1954

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I. Viet Minh pressure on shrinking  
perimeter increasing.

A. Troops 304th Division  
harassing Hung Yen sector.

B. Elements 308th Division  
have probed Luc Nam area.

C.   
320th Division planning  
operations Hai Duong sector,  
where rail bridge reportedly  
most vulnerable link in  
Hanoi's lifeline.

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NSA, DIA reviews completed

A. Large-scale attack from Luc  
Nam and Hung Yen would prob-  
ably be accompanied by 312th  
Division move toward Hanoi.

1. 312th Division probing  
Vinh Yen area; intelli-  
gence units active  
north, west Hanoi.

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IV. [redacted] French thinking  
"keyed to departure" Tonkin delta.

A. [redacted]

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[redacted] negotiations now on with  
Viet Minh to grant French  
uncontested passage from delta  
once cease-fire agreed.

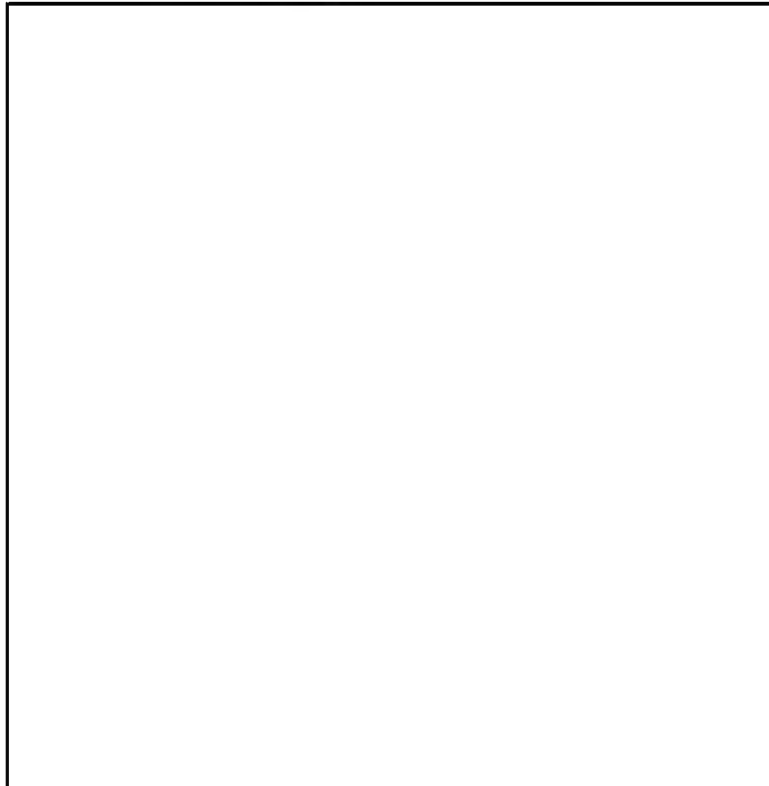
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B. [redacted] "limiting factor"  
fresh water supply Haiphong  
if French forced make stand  
there.

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1. Sabotage already cut supply  
by three quarters; enemy  
claims it able eliminate  
entire supply.

V. Meanwhile, Viet Minh apparently  
attempting strengthen bargaining  
position in Annam.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: OCB Progress Report on NSC 5404/1 (Berlin)

There is attached a summary progress report for your use when the OCB Progress Report on NSC 5404/1 (Berlin) comes before the NSC. There is also attached a copy of the longer briefing memorandum which was available to you at the OCB meeting.

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